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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS TINKER AND DEHAAN TO VISIT
ROMANIA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT TWO MEMBERS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION, REFUGGES AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, STAFF DIRECTOR DALE DEHAAN AND STAFF CONSULTANT JERRY TINKER, WILL BE VISITING ROMANIA MAY 1-4 AT INVITATION OF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT. PURPOSE OF VISIT WILL BE TO REVIEW POST-EARTHQUAKE PROBLEMS IN ROMANIA IN CONNECTION WITH SENATOR KENNEDY'S STRONG INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL DISASTERS AND HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS.

2. TINKER AND DEHAAN HAVE INDICATED THAT ROMANIAN EMBASSY ARRANGING THEIR PROGRAM AND ACCOMODATIONS. THEY WILL ARRIVE BUCHAREST SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 14:45 ABOARD PAN AM 66 AND PLAN TO DEPART FOR ZURICH ON SWISSAIR 463 AT 16:25 ON WEDNESDAY. (SEPTTEL WILL PROVIDE POST AUTHORIZATION
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DATA.) TINKER AND DEHAAN WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO GET EMBASSY BRIEFING EVENING OF MAY 1 BEFORE THEY BEGIN GOR-ARRANGED PROGRAM MAY 2-4 AND DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THIS WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED. ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED WITH THEM THE POSSIBILITY OF TRIPS

OUTSIDE BUCHAREST ON MONDAY, PERHAPS TO CRAIOVA AND/OR

ZIMNICEA. TINKER AND DEHAAN HAVE ASSURED US THAT THEY WOULD DEBRIEF EMBASSY ON MAY 4 BEFORE DEPARTURE.

3. DURING LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH VIETS HERE IN WASHINGTON, TINKER AND DEHAAN HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND TO TAKE ALONG EMIGRATION LISTS NOR TO RAISE INDIVIDUAL CASES WITH GOR, BUT THEY CERTAINLY DO INTEND TO DEAL WITH THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OVER-ALL EMIGRATION POLICY. THEY WILL BE CARRYING A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU FROM SENATOR KENNEDY, AND HAVE INDICATED TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY THAT THEY WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER IT PERSONALLY, BUT WE HAVE ADVISED THEM THAT THIS IS VERY UNLIKELY. ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED THAT MEETING WITH PATAN BEING ARRANGED AND WE ARE SURE THAT OTHER HIGH-LEVEL CALLS WILL BE WORKED OUT.

4. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE CONTACT WITH BOTH DEHAAN AND TINKER AND CONSIDERS THEM HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS WHO WILL BE WELL-PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THEIR ROMANIAN HOSTS. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN COOPERATIVE IN OUR EFFORTS TO MOVE ROMANIAN EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE HILL.
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